

Town of Cornwall

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Selectmen

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 at 7:30 at Town Hall

Present: Gordon Ridgway, first selectman, Richard Bramley and Priscilla Pavel, selectmen. Richard Griggs, videographer and Joanne Woitusiak, citizen.

The meeting was brought to order at 7:32.

Ridgway added a report on the NW Council of Governments meeting on October 7 to the agenda.

The minutes of the October 2 meeting were approved as presented.

There were no communications or public comments.

1. The Board reviewed the capital expenditure plan for the fiscal years 2020 to 2024. Ridgway noted that funding for the on-going bridge reconstructions are bonded separately and thus are not in the five-year plan. There is about \$300,000 left in the bond account which must be spent by 2020. Paving plans were discussed. The schedule for purchasing another large highway dump truck was reviewed. Building contractor Jim Terrall is surveying town buildings to assess repair needs and to determine is more than \$50,000 a year must be set aside for these repairs.

Pavel made and Bramley seconded a motion to recommend the 2020-2014 Capital Plan to the Board of Finance for its approval. The vote to approve was unanimous.

2. The board reviewed the work on town bridges by Dayton Construction. The Smith Place bridge was open on October 120; the gravel bank bridge has had its abutments poured and is expected to be open for business within two weeks. Pavel observed that the railings on the Smith Place Bridge seem low; Ridgway said 31 inch high barriers were in the specifications for that bridge.

3. Gravel screeners, owned by the NW COG will be kept at the town gravel bank. Use by Cornwall will be at a reduced rate. The town's insurance will be increased by some small amount to cover the screener.

4. The board reviewed the town meeting call for November 16. On the call are reports by boards and commissions about the FY 2018 fiscal year; acceptance of the proposed capital plan for 2020-2024; and a proposal to close the last 130 feet of Hart Hill Road (a dead end) to allow householders to construct a garage.

5. Ridgway reported on the progress of the West Cornwall Water/Septic Committee. An alternate site has been proposed on the property of the "pink house" and a smaller treatment unit is being considered. Ridgway said that funding from the US Department of Agriculture for rural improvements is more generous than previously thought.

6. Ridgway moved and Bramley seconded a motion to grant a tax refund of \$66.48.

7. Ridgway talked about the NWCOG meeting on October 7 at which the representatives talked about efforts in their towns to attract young people. Norfolk, for example, has created meeting space for small

businesses and organizations. The NW CT Chamber of Commerce has created a new recognition program “40 under 40” which highlights professionals under the age of 40 who live or work in the NW Corner.

Bills were paid in the usual manner.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Lisa Lansing, clerk pro tem